

REMARKS

This application is a continuation application of parent patent application serial No. 10/158,250, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial No. 09/892,921, filed June, 26, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,512,861 B2. Claims 1–3, 5–10, 12–20, and 43–62 are pending. Claims 4, 11, and 21–42 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, and 12–16 have been amended. New claims 43–62 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits.

The parent application (serial No. 10/158,250) to this continuation application was originally filed on May 30, 2002, with 42 claims. In the present application, Applicants are pursuing original claims 1–3, 5–10, and 12–20, and new claims 43–62. Applicants have enclosed herewith a PTO-Form 1449 and references potentially relevant to this invention. The references identified on the PTO-Form 1449 include references cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of the parent application.

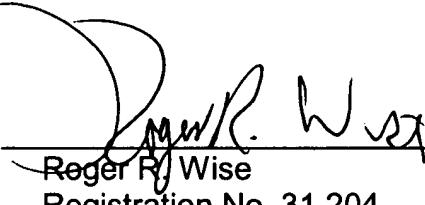
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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